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The IDS filed on 6/22/05 have been considered by the Examiner. A signed 1449 is attached for your records. Reference DE 3827527 discloses a housing with the potted hollow fibers with open ends and permeate collection means, e.g. permeate pan are disclosed (fig. 7, element 22, 23, 18, 10, 11). Suggestion for the plenum adjacent to the the permeate collection zone adapted to receive ga or air is not suggested. The claims remain allowed for reasons of record on paper of 5/27/05.

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